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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed March 2, 2000. In response, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 27, and 47 as follows:

- a first tube including [a] an inflation lumen in fluid communication with a dilatation balloon, an inside wall surface, and an outside wall surface, said first tube having an orifice in a proximal portion of said first tube;

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